MATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) The case of RIC has already been referred to BIFR. However, the case has not yet been admitted by BIFR.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since the conditions under SICA for reference to BIFR were fulfilled by RIC, reference to BIFR was unavoidable. The Government is, however, continuing to extend financial assistance towards salary and wages of the RIC employees.

EFFECTS OF EXCISE DUTY CONCESSION ON THE CONDITION OF INDUSTRIES

3156. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the extent to which the producers have passed on excise duty concessions given in the 1993-94 budget to consumers ;

(b) what is the latest picture of industrial revival in those industries which were hit by recession ; and

(c) the expected growth rate of industrial production during the current financial year and projection for 1994-95 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Excise duties are only one amongst many factors which influence price paid by consumers. A sample study of 10 commonly used consumer articles conducted by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices has revealed that 5 industries viz., biscuits, mopeds, drycell batteries, tooth powder and plastic-moulded luggage have passed on the excise duty relief to the consumers. Two industries, viz.—tea and PVC resin have passed on the relief to the consumers partially.

(b) and (c) On the basis of Index of Industrial Production compiled by Central Statistical Organisation, industrial production has shown an increase of 1.8 per cent during April-August, 1993, on top of a growth of 1.8 per cent during 1992-93. No projection of rate of growth of industrial production has been made for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95.

गुजरात में उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु लंबित प्रस्ताव :

3157. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे :–** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में नवीन औद्योगिक एककों की स्थापना हेतु केन्द्र सरकार के पास लंबित आवेदनों / प्रस्तावों की जिलावार संख्या कितनी है।

(ख) इन प्रस्तावों में कुल कितनी धनराशि अन्तर्ग्रस्त है,

(ग) इन एककों की स्थापना से रोजगार के कुल कितने अवसर उपलब्ध होने की संभावना है,

(घ) इन संयुक्त उद्यमों के माध्यम से कुल कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा प्राप्त होगी,

(ङ) इन प्रस्तावों को कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है, और

(च) सरकार द्वारा इनमें से प्रत्येक उद्यमों के लिए क्या मानदण्ड निर्धारित किए है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री और उद्योग मंत्रालय (भारी उद्योग विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) बनासकांठा, बड़ौदा, अहमदाबाद, भड़ौच, पंचमहल, जूनागढ़, महसाणा, सूरत, बनासकांठा, अमरेली और कलोल जिलों में उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु औद्योगिक लाईसेंस के लिए 38 आवेदन लम्बित पड़े हैं।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त प्रस्तावों के संदर्भ में प्रस्तावित अचल पूंजी निवेश की राशि और प्रस्तावित रोजगार क्रमश : 666.29 करोड़ रुपए और 15014 व्यक्ति हैं।

(घ) और (ङ) संयुक्त उपक्रम हेतु विदेशी सहयोग के प्रस्तावों में परियोजना के स्थापना

स्थल का उल्लेख नहीं होता। इसलिए विदेशी सहयोग से स्थापित किए जाने वाले संयुक्त उपक्रमों संबंधी प्रस्तावों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा केन्द्रीय रूप से नहीं रखा जाता है।

(च) औद्योगिक लाईसेंस देने के लिए सभी आवेदनों पर औद्योगिक नीति में निर्धारित प्रक्रिया के अनुसार गुण-दोष के आधार पर विचार किया जाता है।

(1981—90). Many of the neighbouring countries have been in the race for attracting foreign direct investment much before India. The comparative impact would be discernible only a few years from now.

(d) Government's foreign investment policy and other measures of economic liberalisations are constantly kept under watch so as to provide appropriate response to foreign investors' genuine needs.

ATTRACTING MORE FOREIGN CAPITAL IN THE WARKET

3158. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India is still far behind in attracting foreign direct investment as compared to many neighbouring countries ;

(b) if so, the comparative figures in this regard ;

(c) the reasons for India to lag behind in this matter ; and

(d) what measures Government have taken or propose to take to attract foreign capital in the country at a faster rate ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (c) Economic liberalisation initiated by Government of India have in fact generated considerable interest among foreign investors. The total foreign investment approved in the post policy period is Rs. 12291.53 crores till the end of November, 1993. This is nearly 10 times the total foreign investment approved during the last decade

OPENING OF COIR BOARD SHOWROOMS

3159. DR. NARREADY THULASI REEDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open two Coir Board show-rooms, one at Tirupati and the other at Secunderabad, in Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Dr. N. Thulasi Reddy, Member of Parliament, has separately requested Minister of State for Small Scale and Agro and Rural Industries for opening of Coir Board's showrooms at Tirupati and Secunderabad. The proposal is being examined by Coir Board. Coir Board has, however, decided to have a Master Plan for opening of new showrooms and sales depot in a phased manner. Preparation of Master Plan is under process of the Coir Board.

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों को आनुपातिक प्रतिनिधित्व दिया जाना

3160. श्री रामसिंह राठवा : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि लोक उद्यम विभाग द्वारा सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों में अनुसूचित